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SUBJECT: VERBAL ORDER BY CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE NOT TO MAKE ILLEGAL ARRESTS AND EFFORTS BY PRESIDENT JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA TO CURB EXCESSES IN COUNTERSUBVERSION PROGRAM.

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2. GENERAL EDMUNDO RENE O J E D A, CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE, HAS ISSUED A VERBAL ORDER THAT THERE ARE TO BE NO ILLEGAL ARRESTS. THOSE ARRESTED ARE TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE COURTS OR PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE POWER (PEN); IN NO CASE IS THE PRISONER TO

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"DISAPPEAR." IN ALL CASES THE ARREST IS TO BE MADE KNOWN AND NO ONE IS TO BE HELD INCOMMUNICADO, EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHERE EXISTING LAW PERMITS THE HOLDING OF A PRISONER INCOMMUNICADO. THE ORDER WAS NOT PUT IN WRITING BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD MEAN ADMITTING THAT THE POLICE HAVE NOT ALWAYS COMPLIED WITH EXISTING LAW. (COMMENT: 3.3(b)(1)

THIS ORDER, WHICH REPRESENTS A CHANGE IN POLICE PROCEDURES, 3.3(b)(1)

3. (COMMENT: 3.3(b)(1)

NO SIMILAR ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE.)

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5. PRESIDENT JORGE RAFAEL V I D E L A HAS TAKEN STEPS TO ELIMINATE EXCESSES IN THE COUNTERSUBVERSION PROGRAM. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH COLONEL RAMON C A M P S, CHIEF OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE, WAS PROMOTED TO GENERAL, HE WAS NOT APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED. HIS TRANSFER

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TO THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. A POSITION USUALLY CONSIDERED AS A DEAD-END IN A MILITARY CAREER. IS A DIRECT EXAMPLE OF VIDELA'S EFFORTS TO CURB EXCESSES IN THE COUNTERSUBVERSION PROGRAM. VIDELA ALSO ARRANGED TO HAVE COLONEL ROBERTO R O U A L D E S. CHIEF OF COUNTERSUBVERSIVE ACTION FOR THE FIRST ARMY CORPS, TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FIRST ARMY CORPS AND HAS TRANSFERRED SEVERAL CAPTAINS OUT OF THE FIRST ARMY CORPS BECAUSE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN EXCESSES. (COMMENT: NOT SPECIFIC AS TO HOW MANY CAPTAINS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED. 3.3(b)(1) EXCESSES. MEANS CRIMINAL ACTS SUCH AS EXTORTION OR KIDNAPPING WITH THE SOLE OBJECTIVE OF GAINING RANSOM.)

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